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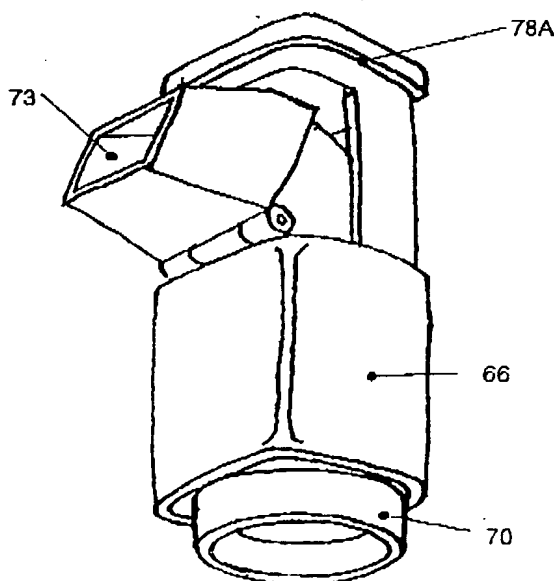
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(57) Abstract: A medication holder is disclosed comprising a hous-  
ing (10) having an outer wall (12) and an inner wall (11) preferably in  
sleeved relationship to each other. The outer wall may be moved be-  
tween a closed position in which the housing (10) is sealed for ingress  
of moisture or other contaminants and an open position providing ac-  
cess to the medication container discharge outlet. The second wall may  
(12) be slid longitudinally or rotated circumferentially to access the  
cavity and may, in the process, open an air pathway through the cav-  
ity. The medication container is preferably a pressurised canister (22).  
Alternatively, it may comprise a frangible vial (603) with a volatile liq-  
uid. In the latter case, an evaporation grid (563) may also be supplied to  
enhance absorption of the liquid which is preferably methoxyfluorane.  
Opening means (561) may be provided to open the frangible vial and  
discharge the contents onto the evaporation means (563) which is in  
fluid contact with the air pathway (806). A medication chute (26) may  
be rotatable between stowed and deployed positions. The chute (26)  
may include an auxiliary air inlet (556). The medication holder may  
also include one-way valves (605) to channel inspiratory air through  
the chamber and direct expiratory air elsewhere. The expiratory air  
may pass through unidirectional valve (810) and also through an ab-  
sorbent filter (805) to minimise environmental contamination.

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